

Occurences of some species of *Glycyphana* Burm. in North Thailand (*Coleoptera*, *Cetoniidae*)

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Within the frame of the Cesa Project entitled *Entomofauna of Old World* (EOW)¹, the following information is evaluated. The following field records on the species of *Glycyphana* Burm. (*Cetoniidae*) from North Thailand were made by the authors in November-December of 2006. Three species of *Glycyphana* Burm., recorded in Chiang Mai, were observed during feeding on the flowers of *Mikania* sp. (*Asteraceae*) by day and by night. The food-plant has two possible species in North Thailand, namely, *M. cordata* (heartleaf hempvine) and *M. micrantha* (bittervine). These species may be distinguished by their corolla colouration and heads 7 to 7.5 mm long (*cordata*) versus 4.5 to 6 mm long (*micrantha*)² As we were unable to determine the species during field work, we treat here the foodplant as *Mikania* sp. only (**Figs.1-3**). The plant, *M. micrantha*, is believed to have been introduced to India and several of the Pacific Islands in the 1940's. It has been reported as a weed in India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Thailand, the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Papua New Guinea. It is also present in the United States but is listed as a native weed by the Department of Agriculture (federal status of noxious weed).³

Cetoniidae Leach, 1815

Some *Cetoniini* species are known to be unpalatable to birds and other insectivorous animals, and it can hardly be doubted that the boldly contrasted colours of many species, such as *Glycyphana horsfieldi*, *G. tricolor*, are warning colours for advertising this inedible quality. Ultraviolet reflectance is a widely distributed phenomenon among certain families of *Coleoptera*. Patches of golden- yellow microtrichia on the elytra reflect strongly in *Glycyphana* species.⁴

¹ Announcement of Entomofauna of Old World.- *Cesa News* 31: 8.

² for more information vide: http://www.hear.org/Pier/species/mikania_cordata.htm

³ more information: http://www.columbia.edu/itc/cerc/danoff-burg/invasion_bio/inv_spp_summ/Mikania_micrantha.htm

⁴ See also: Pope, R.D. & H. E. Hinton, 1977, A preliminary survey of ultraviolet reflectance in beetles. *Biological Journal of the Linnean Society* 9 (4): 331-348 [Published Online: 14 Jan 2008]



Fig. 1- Habitat of *Mikania* sp. (Asteraceae), the food-plant of the *Glycyphana* species (Cetoniidae). Thailand Chiang Mai, CMU 360m, 18 3 2006 photo A. Koçak (Cesa)



Fig. 2- *Mikania* sp. (Asteraceae) in blossom. Thailand Chiang Mai, CMU 360m, 6 11 2006 photo M.Kemal (Cesa)



Fig. 3- *Mikania* sp. (*Asteraceae*) in fruit. Thailand Chiang Mai, CMU 360m, 12 12 2006 photo M.Kemal (Cesa)

***Glycyphana* Burmeister, 1842**

Glycyphana Burmeister, 1842 (Handb. Ent., 3, 345); *Euryomia* Burmeister, 1842 (Handb. Ent., 3, 593); *Glycosia* Schoch, 1896 (Ent. Nachr. 22: 86).

The species of this genus are distributed in the Oriental Region.

***Glycyphana horsfieldi* (Hope, 1831) (Fig.4)**

Cetonia horsfieldi Hope, 1831 [in] Gray's Zool. Miscell. 1831, p. 25.

Other synonyms: *marginicollis* Gory & Percheron, 1833; *biargentata* Thomson, 1878; *aurulenta* Arrow, 1910; *chinensis* Mikic, 1967; *syllhetica* Miksic, 1970

This is the type species of the genus.

Range: India, Assam, Silhet, Manipur, Sikkim, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Myanmar (Bhamo), Thailand (Samoeng, Doi Pui, Chon Buri), Taiwan, China, Vietnam, Laos.

This species is reported here from Chiang Mai (North Thailand).

***Glycyphana tricolor* (Olivier, 1789)⁵ (Fig.5)**

Cetonia tricolor Olivier, 1789, Ent. 1, 6, p. 88 pl. 12, fig. 116.

Glycosia plagiata Schoch, 1896, Ent. Nachr. 1896: p. 86.

⁵ Pisuth Ek-Amnuay, 2002, Beetles of Thailand Fascinating Insects vol.1. 408pp. Bangkok.

Range: Sri Lanka, India, Bengal, Sikkim, Myanmar, Thailand (Doi Saket, Wiang Pa Pao).
This species is reported here from Chiang Mai (North Thailand).

***Glycyphana nicobarica* Janson, 1877 (Fig.6)**

Glycyphana nicobarica Janson, 1877, Cist. Ent. 2: 144. Type: Nicobar Islands.

Range: Nicobar Island, Thailand (Wiang Pa Pao, Doi Pha Hom Pok, Bang Khen), Laos.
This species is reported here from Chiang Mai (North Thailand).



Fig. 4- *Glycyphana horsfieldi* feeding on *Mikania* sp. (Asteraceae) by day. Thailand Chiang Mai, CMU Campus, locality code: Cu07, 6 12 2006, photo M Kemal (Cesa)

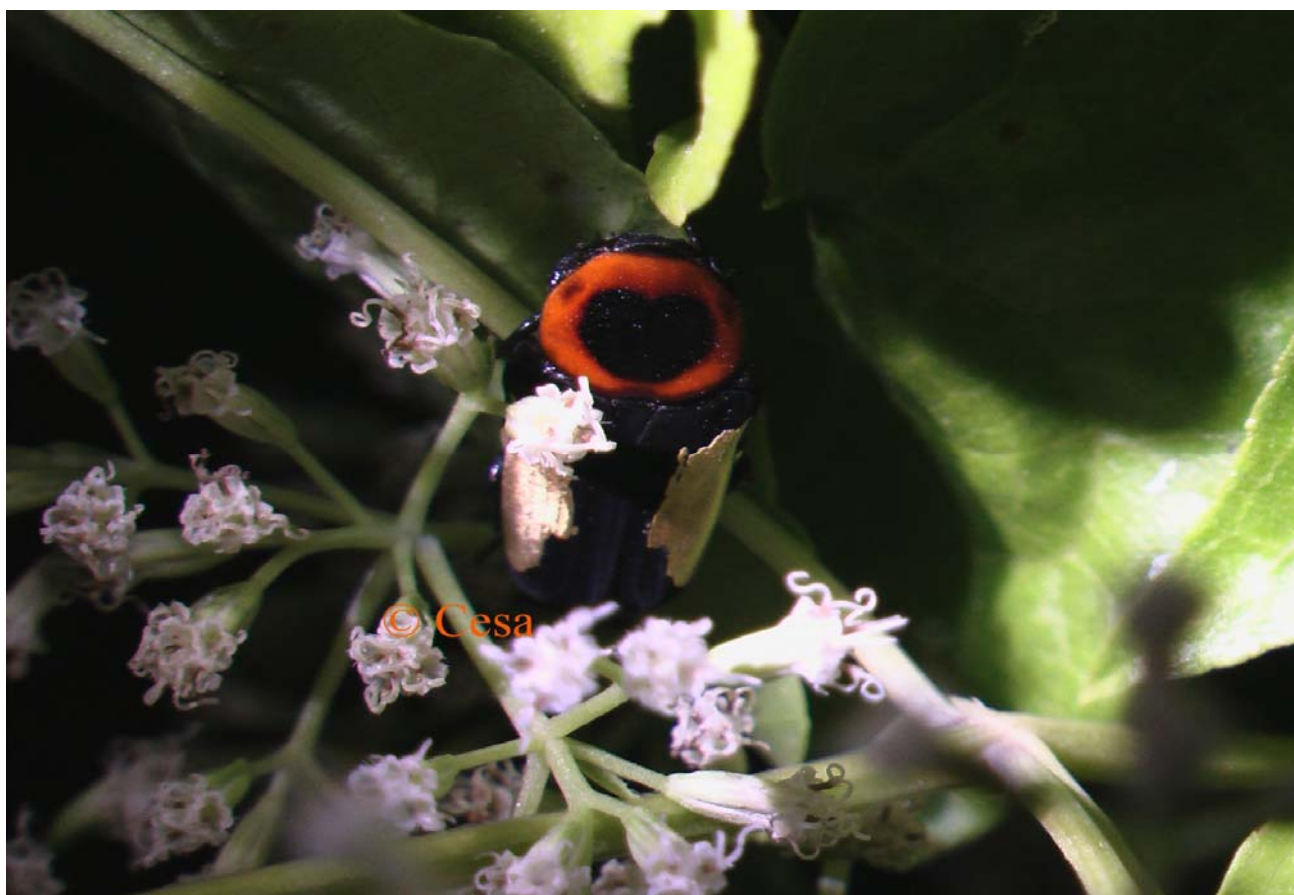


Fig. 5 - *Glycyphana tricolor* feeding on *Mikania* sp. (Asteraceae) by night. Thailand Chiang Mai CMU Campus, locality code: Cu07, 24 11 2006, photo M Kemal (Cesa)



Fig. 6 - *Glycyphana nicobarica* feeding on *Mikania* sp. (Asteraceae) by day. Thailand Chiang Mai University Campus, locality code: Cu07, 360m, 16 11 2006, photo M Kemal & leg (Cesa)

Macroceroea grandis (Gray,1832) in North Thailand (Hemiptera, Lagridae)

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Within the frame of the Cesa Project entitled *Entomofauna of Old World* (EOW)⁶, the following field record on the *Macroceroea* Spinola (*Lagridae*) from North Thailand made by the authors in 2006.



Fig. 1- *Macroceroea grandis* (*Largidae*) newly emerged larger nymph with the previous skin, Thailand, Chiang Mai, Doi Saket, Huay Pa Toen village 435m, 9 4 2006 PV2 M Kemal (Cesa)

⁶ Announcement of Entomofauna of Old World.- *Cesa News* 31: 8.



Fig. 2- *Macroceroea grandis* (Largidae) newly emerged larger nymph with the previous skin, Thailand, Chiang Mai, Doi Saket, Huay Pa Toen village 435m, 9 4 2006 PV2 M Kemal (Cesa)



Fig. 3- *Macroceroea grandis* (Largidae) male with elongated body and long antennae. Thailand, Chiang Mai, Doi Saket, Huay Pa Toen village 435m, 9 4 2006 PV2 M Kemal (Cesa)

***Macroceroea* Spinola, 1837**

#*Macrocheraia* Lefebvre, 1834, in Guérin's Icon. Regn. Anim. Pl. LVI, Fig. 3; *Macroceroea* Spinola, 1837, Essai Ins. Hem. 177; *Lohita* Amyot & Serville, 1843, Hemip. 266.

***Macroceroea grandis* (Gray, 1832) (Figs. 1-3)**

Lygaeus grandis Gray, 1832, In Griffiths' Anim. Kingd. XV, Ins.: 242, Pl. XCII, Fig. 3. Type: India: Bengal.

Macroceroea longicornis Spinola, 1837, Essai Ins. Hem. 177.

Lohita longissima Stal, 1870, Enum. Flem. I: 98.

Lohita grandis var. *sumatrana* Distant, 1882, Entomologist's mon. Mag. 19: 158. Type: Indonesia: Sumatra [as subspecies].

Range of the species: India (Bengal, Calcutta, Assam), Myanmar (Tenasserim), Thailand, Vietnam, China, Philippines, Indonesia (Sumatra), Malaysia (Borneo).

This large species (length of the body more than 5cm) has sexual dimorphism. The antennae and the body of the male greatly elongated. It is a pest of cotton and okra (bhindi) in Bengal, and Assam (India).⁷



Entomofauna of Turkey (ET)

In the previous number of the Cesa News⁸, the Project of the Cesa, Entomofauna of Turkey (ET), was announced. No attempt is known on this subject, therefore the first temporary results given in the following table, should be considered as noteworthy.

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Date of the report	Recorded valid genera (G)	Recorded valid species (S)	Previous records on Lepidoptera (G,S)	Total records of valid genera and species
18 11 2008	863	2503	1762G + 5164S	2625G+7667S
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* Next results will be announced soon.

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⁷ <http://www.cababstractsplus.org/google/abstract.asp?AcNo=19810588798>

⁸ Cesa News 31: 7.

Announcement

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